



THE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MARKET RASEN.

*Report of the Medical Officer of Health on the Sanitation of
Market Rasen Urban District for the year 1937.*

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE MARKET RASEN URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report upon the Health and Sanitation of the District for 1937 as follows :—

The General Health of the District has been good ; no serious epidemics or prevalence of infectious disease.

The Water Supply remains good and sufficient, though hard.

The Housing is, generally speaking, fair and adequate. One new house was built during the year, by private enterprise.

A beginning has been made in the improvement of some poorer class houses, on the lines I suggested in my last report. There is room for much action still in this respect, and I hope that much more improvement of property will be carried out, otherwise property owners will be faced in a few years times with demolition orders involving them in serious loss.

The Sewers and sewage disposal system have been carefully examined and considered. A new type of sewage disposal has been planned, and alterations and reconstruction of some of the sewers advised. When the proposed work is carried out there should be no more trouble from this source.

There are still, however, a large number of wet and dry privies and middens, which have to be emptied by a scavenger, under contract with your Council. With a new and adequate system of sewage disposal, and an adequate system of sewers, steps should be taken to connect all premises at present served by privies or middens with the sewers, and thus improve the sanitation of your district and at the same time reduce the annual expense incurred for scavenging. The removal and disposal of dry refuse, ashes, etc., would still remain ; and later means might be found of dealing with this too in a more satisfactory way.

The milk and meat supply is fairly satisfactory, and those premises in which the food supplies are prepared or stored are generally good. But I would suggest that the best policy for this District to aim at, both as a District and as individuals, would be, not just satisfactory or good, but *Excellent*.

This would make the town and district attractive as a residential place, and under such circumstances the absence of manufacturing industries should prove an asset.

This could be accomplished by a far-seeing policy carried out by public bodies and private enterprise in co-operation.

There has been no changes in the health services, Hospitals, Nursing Services or Clinics which serve the District during the year.

A detailed report by Mr. R. J. Campbell, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector, of inspections under the Public Health Act and the Housing Acts during the year is appended.

STATISTICS.

Area of District—Land	972 acres
„ „ —Water	4 acres
Population	... .. 1985
Number of Inhabited Houses	... .. 659
Rateable Value	... .. £10,027
One penny rate yields...	... .. £41 15s. 7d.

Incidence of Infectious Disease—Scarlet Fever 1 case, Diphtheria 1 case, Erysipelas 1 case.

Births—Legitimate	... ..	Males 17, Female 8
—Illegitimate	... ..	„ 1, „ 0
—Stillbirths	nil	

Deaths of Infants under one year of age – 1 Male, illegitimate.

Deaths—	... ..	Males 22
„ —	... ..	Females 23

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS ACT.

No sanitary defects or nuisances have been found in any premises coming under these Acts.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

DUDLEY F. TORRENS,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Report of work done by Sanitary Inspector for the year 1937.

TOTAL NUMBER OF HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR:—

(I)	By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(II)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(III)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	14
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	16
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under Sub head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925						6
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	6
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
(4)		No. of dwelling-houses exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES:—

No. of Defective Dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	6
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR:—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 36 of the Housing Act, 1936:—

(1) No of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	20
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(2) No of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:

(a) by owners
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(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	—
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(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

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(2) No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a by owners	—
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(b) by Local Authority in default of owners	—
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(c) Proceedings under sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	...	—
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(2) No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders:— ... —

(3) No. of dwelling-houses subject to undertakings	—
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(d) Proceedings under section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	—
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(2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ...

4. HOUSING ACT, 1936—PART IV—OVERCROWDING.

(a)	(I)	Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	Nil
	(II)	Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	—
	III)	Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	—
(b)		Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	—
(c)	(I)	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	2
	(II)	Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	3½
(d)		Number of houses again overcrowded after being previously relieved	...	...	Nil

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

No. registered under by-laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
†No. of inspections made	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of contraventions of by-laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

CANAL BOATS USED AS DWELLING HOUSES.

No. registered under Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
†No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of contraventions of regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of regulations remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

MOVABLE DWELLINGS, TENTS, VANS, &c.

No. inspected during year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. of nuisances therefrom abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
No. removed from district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

BAKEHOUSES

No. in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
No. of underground bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
†No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Contraventions of Factory Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES.

No. on register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
†No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...Average weekly	—
Contraventions of by-laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Defects remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

COWSHEDS.

No. on register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
†No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...Half-yearly	—
Contraventions of regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
No. of milch cows in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...15 (varies)	—

DAIRIES AND MILK SHOPS.

No. on register	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
†No. of inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...Half-yearly	—
Contraventions of regulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Any instance of disease attributed to milk during the year	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	No

UN SOUND FOOD — CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

Cattle, excluding cows :—	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Whole carcasses condemned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	...	...	...	...	...	...	...170lbs. of Fore Quarter	—

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

No. of premises in district	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
†No. of Inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Contravention of by-laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Contraventions remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

SHOPS ACT, 1934.

No. of shops inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Additional heating or ventilation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Additional sanitary conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

WATER SUPPLY.

Wells—New sunk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Cleansed, repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Closed as polluted	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Public Supply—								
*Area supplied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...Whole	—
Percentage of houses supplied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...95%	—
New cisterns provided...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Cisterns cleansed, repaired, covered, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Number of samples obtained for analysis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(a) from wells	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
(b) from public supply...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—
Any insufficiency and where	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	—

CLOSETS.

No. of houses with privy vaults in district	...	...	...	...	...	71
No. of houses with pail closets in district	...	...	...	...	...	252
No. of pail closets substituted for privy vaults	...	...	...	...	...	—
No. of pail closets repaired	...	...	...	...	28	new
No. of water closets substituted for dry receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of houses with water closets in district	...	...	...	...	...	336
No. of water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1

DRAINS.

Drains examined, tested, exposed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ unstopped, repaired, trapped, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	—
Waste pipes, rain water pipes disconnected, repaired, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	—
New soil pipes or ventilating shafts fixed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Existing soil pipes or ventilating shafts repaired	—
Drains reconstructed	1

SEWERS

New lengths of sewer laid	Nil
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TANKS, FILTER BEDS, &c

Alterations to sewage disposal works	{	Still in negotiation
Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works or complaints as to smells		

CESSPOOLS

Cesspools rendered impervious	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ emptied, cleansed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
„ abolished	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

DISINFECTION

Rooms disinfected	...	...	...	...	...	8
a ordinary infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	4
b tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	1
c bugs	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rooms stripped and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Articles disinfected or destroyed	...	...	...	...	...	—
(a ordinary infectious disease	...	...	...	...	...	—
b tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	—

HOUSE REFUSE

No. of covered ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	118
No. of uncovered ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	1
No. of bins substituted for ashpits	...	...	...	...	...	2
No. of houses using bins	...	...	...	...	...	345
§Is refuse removed by householders or by public scavenger?	...	...	...	...	Public Scavenger	
How frequently is refuse removed from each house?	...	...	...	...	Fortnightly	
No. of complaints of non-removal	...	...	...	...	None	
Method of final disposal	...	...	...	...	Waste Land	
Are existing arrangements for refuse removal satisfactory?	...	...	...	...	Yes	

NUISANCES

Total number of Nuisances during year : -

(1) Abated as result of informal action by Sanitary Inspector	...	...	3
(2) Reported to Council	{	Statutory notice issued	...
„ „ not issued		„ „ not issued	Nil

DETAILS OF NUISANCES ABATED (after informal intimation).

Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
Accumulation of refuse	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	2

Annual Salary as Inspector : £60.	Other appointments held : Surveyor. Rate Collector, etc.	Salary for such other Appointments : £90.
Any Assistants : None.		

Supplementary remarks as to Sanitary requirements of District, and extended notes from any of the foregoing entries:—

Privy Pans and Ash Bins are emptied fortnightly. Ash pits are emptied on written application.
6 new Council Houses are in course of construction.

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